



International studies set to celebrate with 30th annual fair

Linda Sedjro

UNO'S 30th annual Cultural/Study Abroad Fair and International Banquet are around the corner.

The events are opportunities to "travel" to more than 30 different countries and experience diverse cultures by meeting many of UNO's 700 international students and viewing displays from their home countries, said UNO international adviser Sharon Emery.

Sponsored by International Student Services, a UNO student government-funded agency, the International Cultural Fair will be held Feb. 27 and 28 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

The International Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. March 2 in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom.

The Cultural Fair is "more educational because students from different countries display different items from their countries to show their ethnicity, and it's a way for other students to learn where people come from and what they value the most," said Sami Vasistha, director of International Student Services.

Students from Greece, Afghanistan, India, Nepal, Japan, Germany, Venezuela, Colombia and Togo, among other countries, will display such items from their respective countries as artifacts, clothing and photographs.

During the Cultural Fair, students from Japan and India will put on a culturally diverse show, including martial arts, a flower arrangement ceremony from Japan and even a

traditional Indian wedding, Vasistha said.

Along with the cultural fair, there will be displays made by the Study Abroad program to help students choose which country they would want to study in and experience the culture of, Vasistha said.

The second part of International Week will feature the Grand International Banquet, where students will display their countries' fashions and food.

"The International Banquet is an ethnic feast with foods from around the world, which we are not going to reveal this year because it will be a surprise," Emery said.

She also said the fashion show and the display of food from different countries give international students the chance to interact with students from all over the world.

"An exciting program of entertainment is featured after the dinner, showcasing UNO's international student talent," Emery said. "Dancing is also scheduled until midnight."

The International Cultural and Study Abroad Fair is free to everyone. Tickets for the Grand International Banquet are available at the business office in the Milo Bail Student Center, second floor.

Prices are as follows:

Students with a UNO ID: \$10

General public/faculty/staff: \$15

Children under 5 years of age: \$5

For more information about International Week, contact Vasistha at 554-2937 or by e-mail at vasistha@hotmail.com.

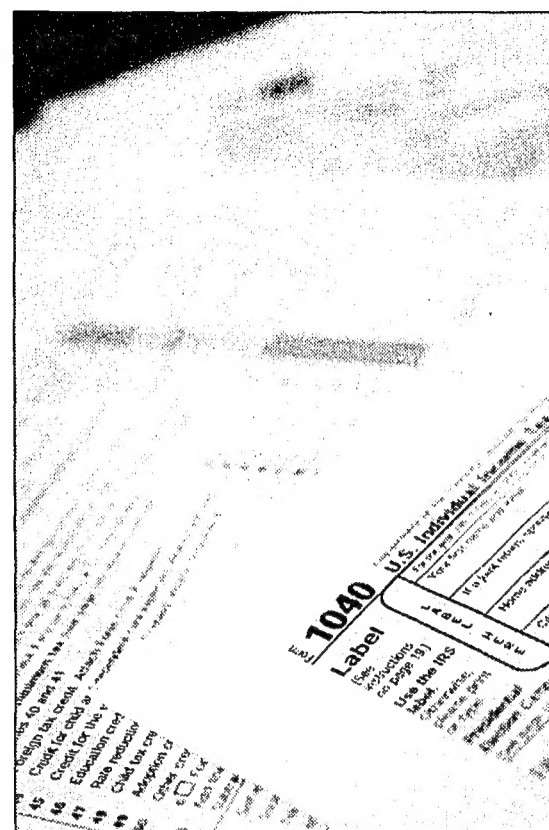


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Tax season can be an unwelcome time for students. Hiring an accountant is one way to avoid headache.

Taxes: crunch time is near

Paul Freeland

Tax season will be upon us soon. If students are still being claimed by their parents, they will more than likely not be plagued by the dilemma of handling their own taxes. Other students who are out on their own and no longer dependents may have a tougher time this April.

For those unlucky students who face the daunting task of doing taxes, there may be an option to help ease the pain. Ever thought of hiring an accountant to help out?

The tax laws are constantly changing. An everyday citizen most likely is not aware of tax law changes like an accountant is. The changes in the laws can provide multiple new tax breaks for people. They can also have a negative effect, most notably when someone was once applicable for a law but now is not. Most people would not know if they were still eligible; this is where an accountant might come in handy.

Celine McHale of McHale Accounting says students just working part-time jobs are not usually affected much by yearly changes.

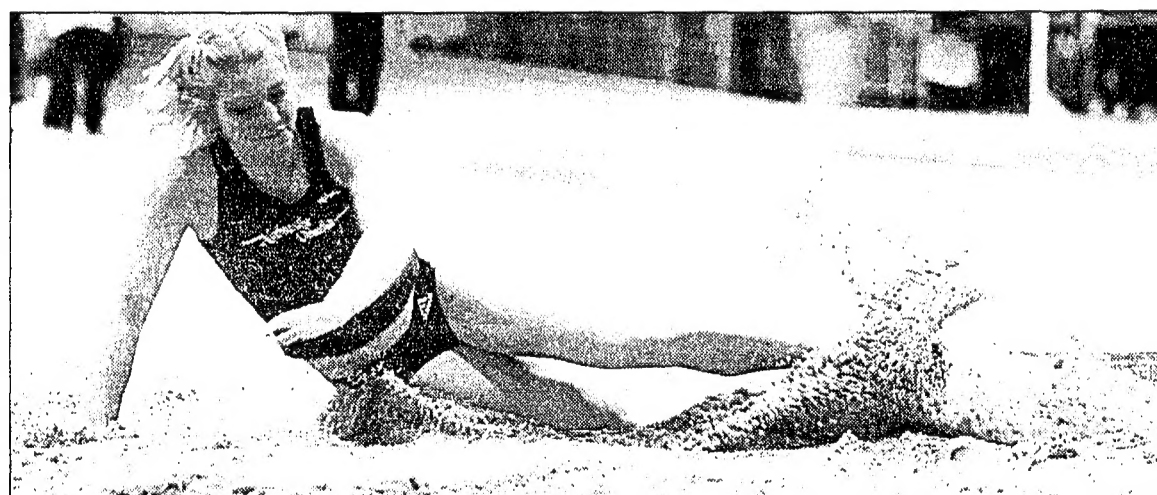
"It would still be useful to have somebody look at it, to make sure that they're taking advantage of what is available to them," she says.

There are a few deductions that can be made that are only available to students. These include a student loan interest deduction and tuition tax credits. These can be useful for students who are no longer claimed by their parents.

Here at UNO, there seems to be a trend in students working more than just part-time. For students working full-time while attending school, there are other tax breaks available. The full-time workers have the option of taking advantage of the education tax credit while they attend school.

For the non-traditional college students, there are breaks as well. McHale says there is a deduction available for continuing education for those who qualify.

Every accountant is different and is going to have



Taira Baker hits the sand while competing in the triple jump at this weekend's Prairie Wolf Invitational in Lincoln. The Mavericks indoor track team garnered a number of NCAA qualifying marks at the meet.

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Mavs continue surge as NCC meet approaches

Paul Freeland

Track

UNO's indoor track team continued its push towards the North Central Conference championship meet as the Mavericks competed at the Prairie Wolf Invitational in Lincoln on Friday.

Competing against Nebraska-Lincoln and a number of other in-state schools, the Mavs picked up four more Division II national qualifying marks. Leading the pack was the 1600 meter relay team of Carly Lambert, Syd Merz, Amanda Mahan and Andrea Walker, which cruised to a win in the event with a time of 3:51.44, almost seven

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Meet your president

Kristin Logan

Shay Riggs, UNO's new student body president/regent, spent her first month in office mostly doing organizational tasks.

"I keep the big picture in my mind, but I know you have to make sure the little things are there first," she said.

One of the many organizational tasks Riggs has taken on since being sworn in Jan. 16 was to make the student government offices more inviting to students.

She invites students to come in and "introduce themselves and let me know what their concerns are, because that's the only way I can help them."

Riggs grew up in Omaha. She has one sister, two stepsisters, one stepbrother and a cat named Dirk, who insisted he be included in this article, meowing at Riggs throughout our interview.

Riggs attended Marian high school. She



Shay Riggs' short time in office has thus far included making the offices of Student Government more inviting to students.

had initially been enrolled to start college at a different university, but decided to come to UNO two weeks before classes began.


"I have never regretted that decision since," she said.

Riggs' major is family science and psychology is her minor.

She is active in UNO's Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, of which she was president during the Fall 2001 semester. This semester, she has been declared an alumna of the sorority because she has completed eight semesters.

After she graduates in December, Riggs will either stay at her current job or do something similar elsewhere.

She currently works for Visinet, Inc., a company that deals in family support for kids in foster care. The company supervises visits with parents, grandparents and siblings.

Some cases require setting goals to work on with the family, while others are simply supervisory. 

UNO organizations to present Adilah Barnes' one-woman show

Josie Loza

Award-winning actress Adilah Barnes will present her widely-acclaimed one-woman show, *I Am That I Am: Woman, Black March 5* at the UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center Recital Hall.

The free show will begin at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

The production, which has toured nationally in nearly 30 states, will take its audience on a historical journey into the lives of seven African-American women who have made lasting contributions in the fields of human rights, education and literature.

Barnes uses spoken word, characterization and song to explore the lives of Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, Angela Davis, Maya Angelou and many others who, throughout history, have overcome great adversity to become the legends they are today.

Barnes earned a bachelors in theater arts at the University of California, Santa Cruz.


She is an accomplished actress with numerous theater, film and television

roles. She is best known for the recurring role she had on the ABC television series *Roseanne*.

Her recent film credits include *Erin Brockovich*, *Seven Girlfriends* and the upcoming *Beautiful*, *Auggie Rose*, directed by Sally Field.

Barnes is not only productive on stage, but also behind the scenes. She is a co-founder of the Los Angeles Women's Theater Festival, and currently serves as executive producer and president of its board of directors. She also teaches privately at Theater/Theater in Hollywood and writes.

The performance will conclude with a discussion with the audience about the characters, followed by a reception.

Barnes' appearance at UNO is sponsored by the women's studies program, the vice chancellor for academic affairs, the dean of fine arts, the dean of arts and sciences, the department of black studies, and the student programming organization's issues and ideas committee. 

Seasonal ailments can be overcome

Sarah Meedel

It appears that with winter come the winter illnesses: common cold, the flu and strep throat. Even though a disease can strike year-round, it seems there is something about this season that makes things worse.

Overall, the most commonly-reported illness at the UNO Student Health Center is upper respiratory infection. Other illnesses seen this season are headaches and gastrointestinal problems. Marcia Adler, coordinator of Student Health Services, says these problems "are not necessarily tied to winter, but instead tied to times of the year with high stress, like exam time."

Even though diseases have their own symptoms, there are several general warning signs.

"The most common sign, and often people don't tune into it, is tiredness," Adler says.

This can be one of the first signals that something unhealthy is occurring in the body. Following the excessive tiredness might be any combination of symptoms, such as a

sore throat or a headache. Adler encourages people to listen to their bodies; they may detect early warning signs and prevent themselves from deteriorating much further.

Adler says there are certain factors that could lead to one's immunity diminishing.

"The common sense thing that nobody really wants to hear is not to smoke," she says.

She recommends both not smoking and attempting to place one's self away from smoke. Try requesting the non-smoking section more often. Waiters and waitresses constantly around smoke are at a higher risk of becoming ill. Adler explains that the smoke can "clobber your lungs" and having this unhealthy smoke constantly irritating the lungs can lead to upper respiratory problems.

There are other risk factors besides smoke.

"Without a shadow of a doubt, eating right and exercising are essential to staying well," Adler says.

Preventing illness is not just a seasonal thing; people who do not live healthy lives put themselves at risk of becoming sick more easily.

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Spot news

Kristin Zagurski

Women's Studies Program to present spring brown bag session

The women's studies program at UNO will present the second seminar in its spring brown bag luncheon series Friday, Feb. 22.

The event will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in Arts and Sciences Hall, Room 311.

Loree Bykerk, a professor of political science, will discuss her research on women's influence and directions in pension policy.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Those interested in attending are invited to bring their lunch. Dessert will be provided. For more information, contact Karen Falconer Al-Hindi at 554-3834.

Jerry Moskus to Speak at March 8 ASPA Luncheon

The Nebraska American Society for Public Administration will host a luncheon forum from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, March 8.


The event will be held at the Fort Omaha campus of Metropolitan Community College, 30th and Fort streets, in Building 10.

Jerry Moskus, president of Metropolitan Community College, will provide an overview of the community college system in the state of Nebraska, with special focus on the community college mission, financing and governance.

Deborah Denney Kohler, executive director of the Metropolitan Community College Foundation, will highlight the unique aspects of philanthropic fundraising for a publicly funded institution.

Lunch can be purchased or brown bags are welcome.

For more information, contact Angela Eikenberry, UNO Department of Public Administration, at aeikenberry@mail.unomaha.edu or 554-6019.

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Women of the day . . .

Women's History Museum comes to student center



Erin Tomaso, director of the women's resource center, Angie Robertson, president of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance, and April Christiansen, assistant director of the women's resource center, stand inside the Women's History Museum, which was on display in the Milo Bail Student Center last week. The museum held a collection of materials relating women's history, from all walks of life and eras.

photo by Jon Shaw

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Adler has some other tips to offer students to combat illnesses. She says: "The number one first line of defense to prevent spreading of all diseases is good hand washing."

Although this is something most people learned in grade school, the lesson still proves valuable today. She says the antibacterial hand sanitizing gels are just okay, but should not constantly be used as a substitute for the water, soap and friction found in old-fashioned hand cleansing.

Many people believe the misconception that a flu shot possesses great power. Do not be mislead, though; a person can still become ill even after receiving a flu shot. Adler clarifies: "Flu shots work for the flu they are intended for." This does not include other diseases, only a certain strain of flu the vaccine was developed for.

She also says, "Ninety-nine percent of our college population here will never encounter that strain of flu." She recommends the shot be given to people over 65, persons with diabetes and people

with immune problems.

Adler also points out problems with antibiotics. Many people have busy lives and are looking for a quick fix to their ailments. Adler says that most times, antibiotics are not even good for a person. When people come into the student health center with a cough or a sore throat, the solution is rather simple. Even though some people ask for an antibiotic, Adler instead recommends increasing one's rest and downtime, as well as intake of juices and water. When people rush to the doctor right away, often they cannot be diagnosed as having a bacterial infection and will not receive an antibiotic. Adler suggests waiting seven days before seeing a doctor. Frequently, if people take care of themselves, then they will begin to feel well again and will not have to pay a doctor's bill.

Bottom line: listen to your body and take care of it so you do not end up miserable. ☺

Bioterrorism task force seeks 'strengthened state'

Josie Loza

The University of Nebraska Bioterrorism Task Force has released a report advising NU to develop tighter security for laboratories and large campus events.

The recommendation was part of a report issued Jan. 29 by the task force, which includes members from each of NU's four campuses.

The report listed the following recommendations:

- * Develop and implement detailed, up-to-date system-wide campus safety and security guidelines.

- * Develop educational programs on bioterrorism for students, employees, business leaders and the public.

- * Use the university's information technology expertise to help establish Nebraska as a leader in electronic communications and bioterrorism surveillance.

- * Provide a single contact for the university's clinical medicine expertise and services related to bioterrorism, and increase accessibility to these services by state government, businesses and the public.

- * Expand and further develop coordinated bioterrorism-related research.

- * Appoint a senior person, reporting directly to the university president to provide continuing leadership in bioterrorism preparedness.

NU already offers many courses that relate to bioterrorism, some of which are specifically designed to address terrorism. But no course currently focuses exclusively on bioterrorism, the report said.

In that, the task force recommended the joint master's degree of public health, which is offered at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and UNMC, include bioterrorism in its curriculum.

After the report was released, Dr. Steven Hinrichs, professor of pathology and microbiology and director of the Nebraska Public Health Laboratory at UNMC, was designated by NU President Dennis Smith to oversee implementation of the reports' recommendations and to lead the university's efforts in dealing with bioterrorism.

UNMC developed the Nebraska Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) in 1998 to implement similar procedures. The lab is funded by the state and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

In the fall of 1999, NPHL set up a special pathogens unit to detect and test potential lethal bacteria.

Anthony Sambol, coordinator of the Nebraska Public Health Lab's special pathogens laboratory, said that a wide variety of programs have been established in health services and medical providers. Sambol is also the laboratory project adviser for the public health laboratory for

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Lifting the ban on liquor spots

Chicago Tribune

If you tune in to the winter games, you may see a new Olympic sport: skeleton, in which an intrepid soul on a small sled slides head first down a frozen chute at speeds up to 85 mph. In between novel athletic events, you may see something else you haven't seen before: commercials for hard liquor.

NBC, which is broadcasting the Salt Lake City Games, is the first of the major networks to lift the longstanding ban on advertising for spirits. Anheuser-Busch plans lots of pitches for its Bacardi Silver, and Seagram's will be flogging Captain Morgan rum.

But some people think running commercials for liquor is about as sensible as doing a skeleton race without a helmet. Assorted groups, from the American Academy of Pediatrics to the Consumer Federation of America, have objected to such appeals. The Center for Science in the Public Interest complains, "The Olympics are a youth-oriented event. For the Olympic committee to make the connection between drinking and sports is irresponsible."

But anyone who watched the Super Bowl knows that the connection between drinking and sports is not exactly unprecedented. Beer companies are among the chief

sponsors of the most popular sports on the air, from the NFL to golf. The only difference is that the beverage commonly advertised in those venues is beer. The traditional network policy pretended that the alcohol in beer and wine is different from the alcohol in vodka and rum.

Actually, it's the same stuff, with the same effects. So it's hard to justify allowing ads for some alcoholic

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beverages and not others.

CSPI warns that liquor ads "for the first time will reach mass audiences, including millions of impressionable children and teenagers" and says these commercials "will only exacerbate the current annual toll of alcohol use in this country." But the proliferation of beer ads has coincided with a steady and substantial decline in beer consumption by teenagers as well as adults.

Contrary to myth, alcohol commercials don't stimulate more

drinking in any age group. Studies here and abroad, looking at both youngsters and their elders, have repeatedly failed to find a connection between the volume of advertising and the amount of drinking.

So why do producers spend so much money to reach TV audiences? American Enterprise Institute scholar John Calfee explains, "Advertising in a mature market — such as that for alcoholic beverages — does little or nothing to increase total demand. Rather, advertising serves to develop and maintain brand loyalty."

The point of Anheuser-Busch's clever Super Bowl ads was not to turn teetotalers into drinkers, but to turn Miller Genuine Draft drinkers into Budweiser customers. The point of spirits ads is to get some drinkers to switch from beer to mixed drinks.

Distillers think the reason liquor sales have dropped even faster than beer consumption is that they've been blocked from running TV ads, and they're probably right. There is no reason to think society would suffer if some Americans altered their drinking preferences from soft liquor to hard.

So people watching the Olympics should take the same view of liquor advertising that they do of skeleton: It may not be their taste, but that's no reason to ban it. **B**

Letter to the Editor

February 12, 2002

Dear Gateway Editor:

Professor Frank Bramlett is right when he says in his Feb. 12 letter that (linguistically) "all varieties of all languages are equally legitimate," but it must be quickly added that they are not equally acceptable (and this latter inequality is real and crucial). One *Animal Farm* maxim operates in the linguistic world, too: all accents are equal but some are more equal than others. Context becomes a boundary for making such qualitative distinctions. In other words, accents are equal a priori but not posteriori.

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Speed Bump

by Dave Coverly



Cocoa's power to enslave and liberate

Rick Nichols
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Suddenly last summer, the news from the tropical Cocoa Belt got as grim, and for the U.S. chocolate industry about as flat-out embarrassing, as it gets.

On remote farms in Ivory Coast, young Africans — some of them boys only 11 years old — were reported to have been sold or tricked into slavery to harvest the cocoa that fuels the world's chocolate trade.

It was a human tragedy and a public-relations disaster: Hershey and Mars and the rest of the global chocolate-makers vowed to police child-labor conditions and, by 2005, to certify that all cocoa production was, as it were, slave-free.

But in the storm there was always a subtext, or perhaps a larger story, about the possibilities of cocoa for liberation.

And in this season of convergence — as Valentine's Day approaches and Black History Month is celebrated

it is worth considering how the politics of food is neither simple nor unvarying.

This month, cocoa is being hailed as the darling of groups looking to improve the status of African women in Ghana, next door to Ivory Coast.

The reason? Unlike some other farm tasks, such as heavy land clearing, women can — and do — tend young cocoa trees as well as men, giving them status and ways to earn money.

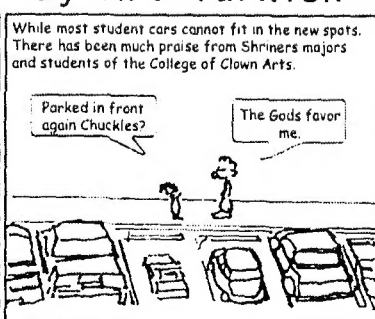
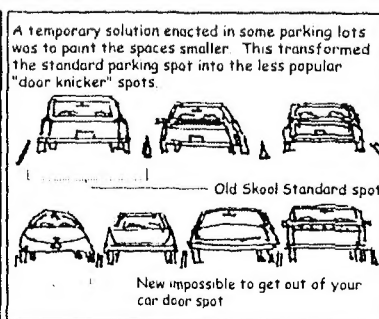
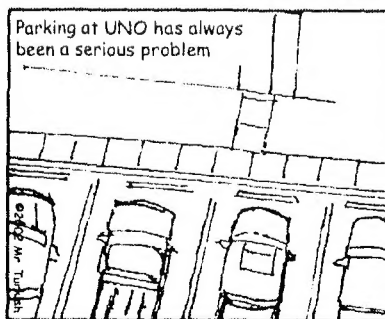
What the women do is weed and cultivate the cocoa seedlings during the first four years of growth as they perform their traditional duties of growing the family food crops (yams, cassava, corn and such).

The young cocoa plants are mixed in with the other crops when young, making it efficient to tend to both at the same time.

That practice has many other implications, according to the nonpartisan International Food Policy Research Institute: It has helped expand women's rights to own land, made them more equal partners, and, by increasing

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DRIVE THROUGH COLLEGE



Parking, The student pot of gold.

By Mr. Turkish

"I myself have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is: I only know that people call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat."

- Rebecca West

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Meddling – always the American way

Clayton Kale

The Gamecock (University of South Carolina)

Remember the morning when hijacked airliners razed a sizable section of Manhattan? How could we forget, right? It was broadcast live on nearly every channel, and viewers were immediately transformed from passive television viewers into primary sources of history.

Right on our TV screens, we watched life as we knew it tumble into a smoky pile of debris. Soon, the stun of the attacks wore off and folks began racing to see how they could help. People as far away as Columbia, S.C., waited in out-the-door lines at blood banks to shed some blood of their own, and the Internet was clogged with others, some looking for answers and some looking for charities to donate their money.

Ground Zero had all the workers it needed, Sept. 11 funds were swelling, and blood banks can only drain so much blood from a single donor. Yet the American public still

felt they could do more. Perhaps President Bush sensed the feelings of his 286 million constituents, or maybe he just felt the need to say something. In any case, Bush urged the American people to go about their daily lives as they normally would. The conventional wisdom of the day was "the only way the terrorists win is if we cease acting like Americans" — meaning, of course, they win if we don't buy that 10th pair of shoes.

But acting like Americans goes far beyond buying video games, watching wrestling and eating pre-packaged processed foods. America is where citizens check up on the government (not the other way around) through open meetings of elected officials and their hired authorities. America is where people like Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein are viewed as the heroes and where sometimes the

government itself is the villain.

Citing security risks after the Sept. 11 attacks, several states are trying to close the doors to meetings of elected officials. Public information about water systems, criminal investigations, evacuation plans and bioterrorism response plans are subject to being made private in at least nine states, according to the Associated Press. One Missouri state representative said, "Gee whiz, do we need to be so open with all this stuff?"

Yes, sir, we do. If Abraham Lincoln were here today, I believe I know what he would say. Because he isn't, I'll tell you something he said in response to complaints of a

meddlesome press: "Let the people know the facts, and the country will be safe."

We're an open society, after all, and if we voters were left out of the loop — specifically by allowing meetings to proceed behind closed doors — government actions would escape scrutiny by the press and the private citizen, and private citizens would stop being the true leadership of the country. The American way of life is incumbent upon the meddlesome activities of the average citizen and the independent press.

The conventional wisdom remains some five months after the attacks. If states begin to close their doors during official government business, then Americans will lose sight of what their representatives are doing. But even worse than that, somebody will have to break the bad news to Bush.

"Mr. President, the terrorists have won." ☹

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family income, given children access to better nourishment and schooling (especially for daughters).

"Cocoa-growing has been the catalyst," argues Agnes Quisumbing, the economist who wrote the report and has come to view cocoa as an agent more of female empowerment than of exploitation.

Another example: The December issue of *World Watch*, the journal of the nonprofit environmental advocacy group of the same name, makes the brief argument for cocoa as an agent for regenerating the rain forest — and thus improving life for small Brazilian farmers.

By "reinventing cocoa" — growing it under forest shade instead of on disease-prone plantations — some of Brazil's damaged croplands are being revived.

And systems of fairer pricing and premium pricing for organic cocoa may result in more forest preservation as chocolate consumption — and income — increases.

Of course, the "good news" about

chocolate and health is recirculating this month as well.

A case in hand is a recent news release from Will Clower, a neuroscientist from Emory University, who has written *The Fat Fallacy: Applying the French Diet to the American Lifestyle* (Perusal Press, \$24.95).

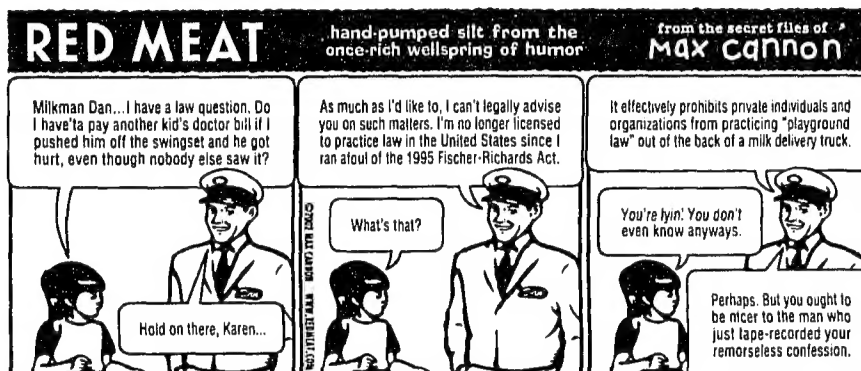
Clower's release touts research on chocolate's antioxidant properties, noting that it can even help lower cholesterol.

But if you telephone him, he's quick to offer the usual caveats.

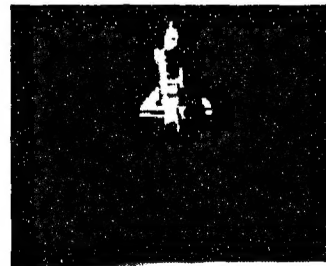
It's really only the darkest chocolate that has any health benefits. Milk, sugar and additives can turn chocolate into another fat bomb. Eating lots of low-cocoa-content chocolate is anything but a healthful lifestyle choice.

Choosing "which chocolate turns out to be no simpler than knowing which message you're sending when you choose chocolate in the first place.

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Some campus events worth checking out

Mike Machian

Unbeknownst to many people (including me), there are many things you can do on campus besides learn and eat bad pizza. So many things in fact, I could probably fill the entire Arts & Leisure section with it. But since they won't let me do that, I present to you ... the Cliffnotes version. Enjoy or die.

Art can do so much more than entertain. A new exhibit at the UNO Art Gallery educates us as well as pleases the eye.

The exhibit features three socially conscious artists addressing various social issues. Roger Shimomura uses paintings to address socio-political issues facing Japanese-Americans.

Janet Davidson-Hues uses images, word and object to focus on the interdependence of women and language.

Janet Culbertson uses her paintings to draw attention to environmental causes such as protecting the earth and its creatures.

The exhibit runs through March 8 and is open Monday through Friday from 1 to 2:30 p.m..

If art is too silent for you, then maybe you need to mosey on over to the Strauss Performing Arts Center Recital Hall on Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Once there, you will witness the third installment of the 2001-02 Ecoutez! series at UNO with Benny Green. If you are slightly unfamiliar with Benny Green, here's all you need to know: He is one of New York's leading pianists and he will be playing jazz with his trio.

Also, as a student you get in free!

If you find yourself still at the Strauss the next day, you are in luck because you get to witness *Cosmic Music*. UNO's premier community orchestra, the Heartland Philharmonic Orchestra, will perform Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Also part of *Cosmic Music* is *The Planets*, a slide show presentation of the solar system. Tickets are only \$4 for students.

If you find something better to do, do it. I dare you. ☺

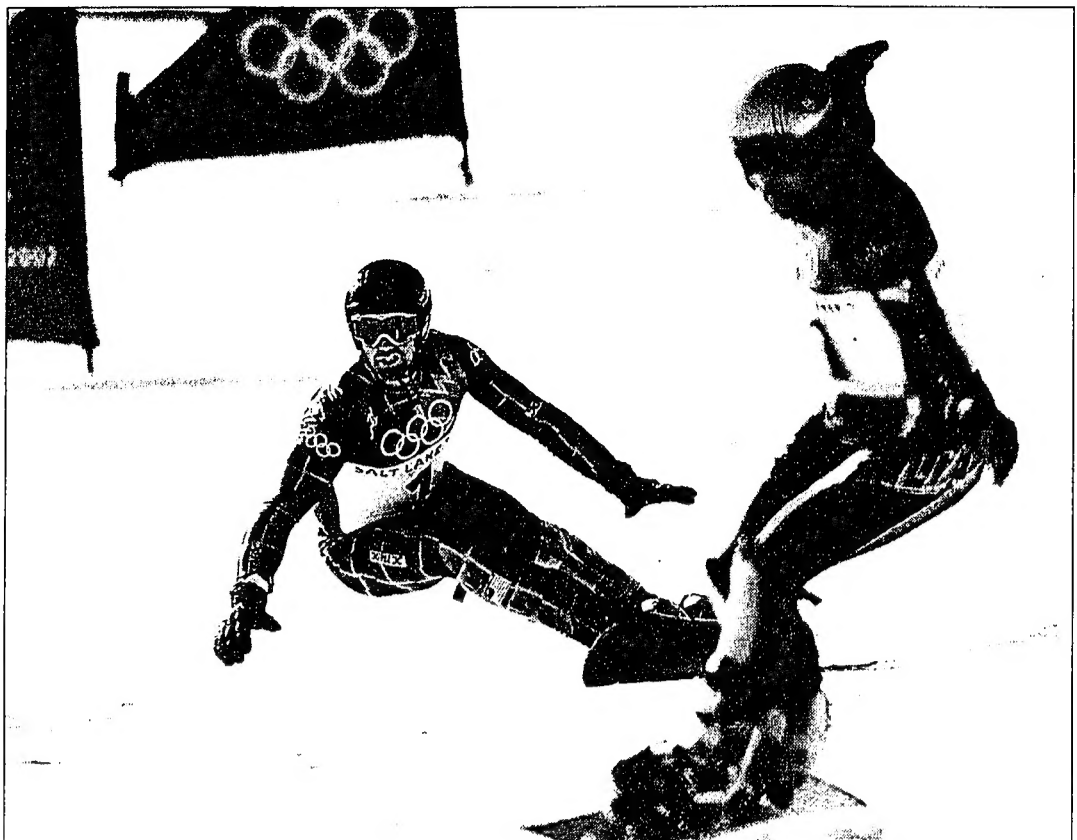


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Nebraskans and Iowans may not be able to enjoy Olympic-quality slopes like USA's Chris Klug (left) and Italy's Walter Feichter, but local Mt. Crescent can provide for some fun in the sun – winter style.

Boots, board and futuristic space goggles

Mike Machian

Maybe it was the U.S.' performance in the Olympics, maybe it was the Mountain Dew commercial or maybe it was the video game. Whatever the cause, you are being tempted by skiing's bad-ass little brother: snowboarding. It's more exciting than skiing and less suicidal than the luge.

But you're probably thinking, we live in Omaha, so how, where and why? How and why have the same answer: Mt. Crescent. The why is up to you.

Russ Lindeman, owner of Mt. Crescent, describes snowboarding as being "a little different way of playing in the snow than skiing." Lindeman points out that the number

of snowboarders visiting his establishment has been growing for several years and now constitutes almost 40 percent of Mt. Crescent's business (skiing is the other 60 percent). This is probably why they recently converted their tubing area into a snowboard park. The new park is 900 feet long and 100 feet wide.

If you're like me, the only winter sport you partake in is throwing snowballs at the neighbor kids. Lindeman warns that I and people like me should not expect to "look like world champs" on their first day on the slopes.

"It does take a tremendous amount of balance and agility," he says.

Fortunately for us and the neighbor kids, Mt. Crescent offers

lessons seven days a week. Lessons cost around \$25 each and last about an hour. If you can convince enough of your friends to come along, there is a group discount.

It is a good idea to rent your equipment the first few times, lest your snowboard join your banjo and fondue machine in the attic. You can get the essentials (boots and board) for \$21 all day. However, you are on your own for the cool hat and futuristic goggles.

The only thing more realistic than that snowboarding video game is reality itself. While Mt. Crescent is not quite Colorado, you're not an Olympian. You have to start somewhere, so why not there? ☺

The University of Nebraska at Omaha Department of Theatre will present

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by
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(LeRoi Jones)

February 26th & 28th
8:00 pm

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These are the words of Irish playwright Dion Boucault describing Conn, the main character in his 19th-century play, *The Shaughraun*.

Brigit Saint Brigit Theatre, on the College of St. Mary's campus, brings a bit o' Irish to Omaha with the production of Boucault's famous comedy and romantic thriller focusing on the Irish wanderer, Conn.

With a career spanning 50 years around Europe, Boucault proudly displayed his Irish heritage through his writing; before Boucault, no Irish plays existed.

"The joy and fun of *The Shaughraun* springs from the author's unlikely combining of the explosive quality of 19th century melodramatic situations with the earthy outlook and quintessential Irish humor of the characters," according to the Brigit Saint Brigit Theatre Company. "Irish patriotism, Irish lovers and Conn as 'clown-ex-machina' provide the background for *The Shaughraun* storyline."

The Shaughraun runs through March 3 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Gross Auditorium in the Science Building. For more information, call 399-6287. ☺

CD reviews

Rae Licari

Milemarker
Anaesthetic
(Jade Tree)

The four-piece collective from Chicago known as Milemarker creates music that is at once both coolly detached and in-your-face. Blazing synthesizers and Fugazi-esque intensity abounds on *Anaesthetic*, Milemarker's first release with Jade Tree.

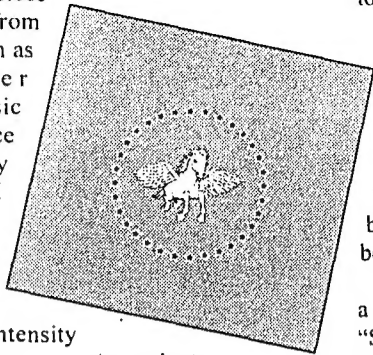
The disc's Pepto-pink packaging is deceiving; the sounds contained on the disc are anything but soothing. That doesn't mean the music doesn't flow — quite the contrary, the songs are incredibly cohesive while still retaining a somewhat erratic feel.

While there are only seven songs on *Anaesthetic*, you're not really getting ripped off because all but one last upwards of four minutes, a good portion landing in the seven- to nine-minute mark.

The disc is refreshing and innovative and one of the best I've heard this year — yeah, I know it's only February, but it's still a great album.

Bottom line: If you're looking to spice up your record collection with some punky indie rock that packs quite a punch, this might just be what you're looking for.

Grade: A+



Misfits
Cuts From the Crypt
(Roadrunner)

Is this disc even really necessary? I mean, seriously, who but die-hard Misfits fans are going to buy this?

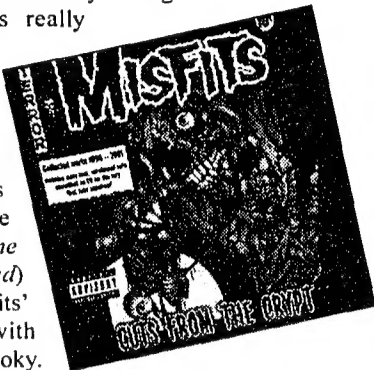
Cuts From the Crypt is a collection of mostly-unreleased demo versions, B-sides and covers from the Misfits' second incarnation from the years spanning 1996 to 2001. One of the highlights of the disc is a cover of Bobby "Boris" Pickett & The Crypt-Kickers' Halloween darling "Monster Mash," but honestly, the original was much better to begin with.

Another bonus is the enhanced CD material, a violent gore-fest of a video for the song "Scream" directed by George A. Romero. It's really not such a shock this ended up here given both Romero's claim to fame (*Night of the Living Dead*) and the Misfits' obsession with all things spooky.

The Misfits' punk-meets-metal sound is great, but I still have to ask WHY this release was necessary, other than for the band to get out of its contract with Roadrunner.

Bottom line: This could have all waited to be included in the band's next (inevitable) boxed set. This one's for the fiends only.

Grade: D



Pink Floyd
Echoes — The Best of Pink Floyd
(Capitol)

If you're a die-hard Pink Floyd fan, chances are you already own everything included in *Echoes*, the band's two-disc retrospective. The

collection would therefore be a pointless purchase.

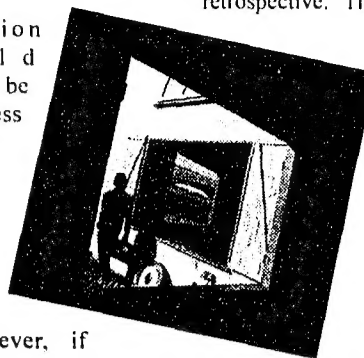
However, if you are relatively new to the whole Pink Floyd scene, *Echoes* might be the perfect primer for you.

The two discs include just about everything you'd ever want to hear from Pink Floyd without actually going out and buying all the band's albums, including such favorites as "Comfortably Numb" and the ubiquitous "Another Brick in the Wall (Part 2)." The epic, sweeping sounds are true classic chunks in the wall of rock and roll.

But, it is a greatest hits collection and my standing opinion about greatest hits collections is they are, for the most part, unnecessary.

Bottom line: *Echoes* is a good introduction to the world of Pink Floyd for the inexperienced, but otherwise, don't bother.

Grade: C



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predictions by Madame Zora

Aquarius (Jan. 20 – Feb. 18)

Find five ways to inflict pain on yourself by yourself.

Pisces (Feb. 19 – March 20)

Give a stranger a kiss. First, make sure they don't have a buff girlfriend.

Aries (March 21 – April 19)

Stuff your face with Fig Newtons and then invade people's personal space when you talk to them. Fig mist.

Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

When you look at yourself in the mirror, you notice the freckles on your face are coming together to form one giant target-shaped freckle on your nose. There's nothing you can do but admit defeat.

Gemini (May 21 – June 21)

This week, your significant other will break up with you because he's a heartless, emotionless, pathetic, moronic piece of crap who never appreciated you and never gave you the attention you really needed and you're happy he's gone. I don't need you, Charlie ... um, that might be something you'd say.

Cancer (June 22 – July 22)

Skip vegetarianism. Have a cow.

Leo (July 23 – Aug 22)

You broke up with your Gemini this week. Be prepared for mild to average revenge.

Virgo (Aug. 23 – Sept. 22)

You notice your hands are aging faster that you. You're 20, but your hands look 35. Ask them for advice — elders know better.

Libra (Sept. 23 – Oct. 23)

This week is National Hug and Kiss Week. Due to an unfortunate misprint, millions of people think it's National Hug and Kick Week. Love hurts.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 – Nov. 21)

Act surprised when you find out the tooth fairy doesn't exist and never has.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 – Dec. 21)

You've bought a billboard ad begging for Miss Right to come to you. Well darling, she ain't coming until you make some life adjustments, 'cause no woman is going to come near you with your attitudes and habits. It's time to reassess your life for the better.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 – Jan. 19)

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So-so weekend leaves hockey's NCAA birth in doubt

Brian Brashaw

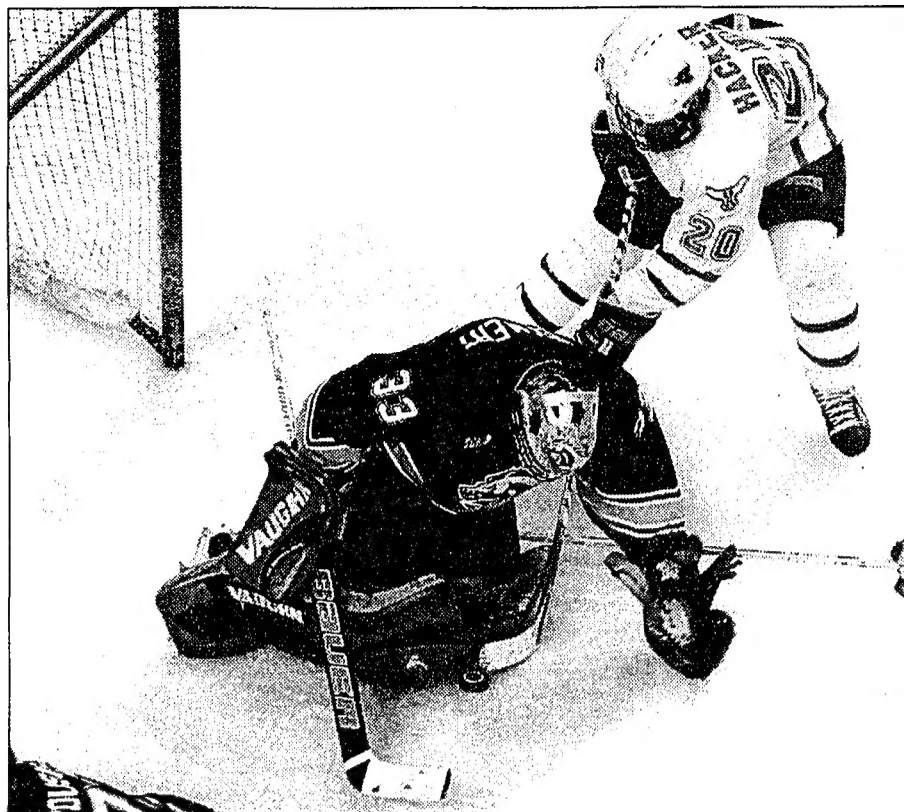
Hockey

More than just sticks were broken during the Maverick hockey team's 5-3, 1-3 split with Western Michigan last weekend. The hope of an at-large birth in the 12-team NCAA hockey tournament might have also been snapped.

Rankings show that for UNO to get one of the seven at-large bids for the tournament, they would most likely have to win out in the regular season, jumping four teams ahead of them in the process. The loss Saturday night means that the Mavericks will have to take the hard road to get in, a Central Collegiate Hockey Association tournament championship that comes with an automatic berth. It is likely that UNO would have to knock off both Michigan and Michigan State in consecutive games, a daunting task for even the cream of the hockey crop.

A home ice winning streak was on the line, which the Mavericks kept alive Friday with a 5-3 win. The streak was pushed to eight games and was clinched with Jeff Hoggan's second period short-handed goal.

High-intensity was the mode of the game as four of the eight goals were scored on breakaways. It is not a style or



UNO's Dan Hacker tries to knock the puck past Western Michigan goalie Jeff Reynaert.

speed Maverick head coach Mike Kemp encourages, but it got the job done Friday. Six of the eight goals of the game came in the second period.

"The second period was wilder than I care to have it," Kemp said after the game.

Chris Claffey opened the scoring for the Mavs 3:58 into the second period, and Hoggan added another just over three minutes later to give UNO a 2-0 cushion. The cushion was deflated just eight seconds after Hoggan's goal as Western Michigan's Brent Rumble broke in alone and scored. WMU's Jeff Campbell tied the game at the 9:04

mark.

As the wild second-period momentum ebbed and flowed, the Mavericks reclaimed the lead with a breakaway goal by Shane Glover. Hoggan's shorthander with less than three minutes left in the second period sealed the win.

Western Michigan didn't go quietly. Mike Bishai pulled the Broncos within one goal with some breakaway flair of his own. However, UNO would get an insurance goal from Jason Jaworski and walked away out of breath, but with two points.

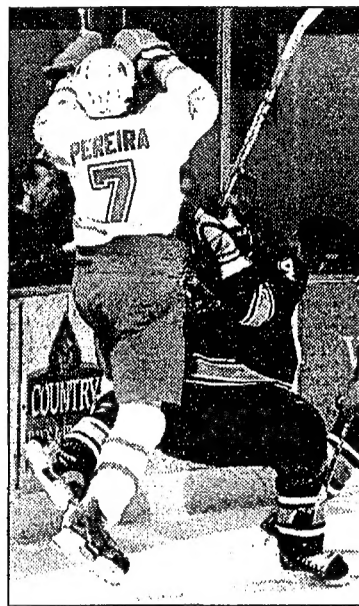
"I couldn't be more proud of the guys and how they played tonight, sometimes it just isn't meant to be," Kemp said after Saturday's game.

Those sentiments by Kemp described Saturday's game accurately. Completely different scenarios played out as the Mavericks dominated shots on goal and yet only one crossed the line, barely.

A last-minute goal and an empty net goal, both by Dana Lattery, led the Broncos to the 3-1 win.

WMU struck first early in the opening period. The UNO defense failed to clear and the Broncos were able to take advantage. With Maverick goalie Dan Ellis planted on his rear, Patrick Dwyer was able to slide the puck around Ellis.

Hoggan tied the game for UNO in the second period. Hoggan skated coast-to-coast and around the net. He



UNO's Joe Pereira and WMU's Rob Yamashita collide behind the goal.

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National Recreational Sports & Fitness Day

February 22, 2002

Events for the Week:

Wednesday 20th:
Triathlon

Thursday 21st:
Cholesterol Screening
(7am - 1pm)

Friday 22nd:
Poker Run/Walk
12:15 - 1:00 pm
Meet in front of MBSC

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UNO clinches first-round home game for playoffs

Paul Freeland

Men's Basketball

South Dakota State ended UNO's men's basketball team's winning streak at four games, but the Mavericks' win over Augustana earned them a home game in the conference tournament.

UNO's South Dakota road trip saw the Mavs defeat Augie 87-77 on Friday night and fall to SDSU 87-76. UNO's 12-5 record in North Central Conference play puts them firmly in second place behind 14-1 SDSU, and will give the Mavs the right to host a first-round game in the NCC post-season tournament.

Corey Hahn led four Mavericks in double-digit scoring with 22 points in UNO's 87-77 win over Augustana. After briefly trailing in the first half, UNO went on an 11-2 run that put them ahead for good. Augustana surged out of the half-time break to close to within three points, but Hahn keyed an 18-4 run that put the Mavs up 69-52 with 5:32 left. The Vikings tried

to fight back by sending UNO to the free throw line, where the Mavs have struggled at times this season, but UNO held firm by hitting their free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Hahn added to his 22 points with six rebounds and five steals, as well as shooting 12-13 from the free throw line. The Mavericks, as a team, shot 35-39 from the charity stripe. Adam Wetzel had 20 points, seven rebounds and three blocked shots, while Seth Nelson had 16 points and two steals. Eddie King led the Mavs with 10 rebounds and also had three steals and two blocks.

SDSU had already clinched a tie for the NCC regular season title with an 83-71 win over Northern Colorado, but a win over the Mavericks would clinch the Jackrabbits' 20th conference crown.

UNO led by as many as nine during the first half, but entered half-time trailing 41-27, mostly due to a 38-percent shooting performance in the first half. The Jackrabbits continued to pull away and led by as many as 21 at 60-39 before UNO

mounted their final surge.

Eric Wiebers had 10 points in the Mavs' 22-8 run that closed the gap to 68-61 with under six minutes left in the game. SDSU, though, would connect on 15 free throws in the closing minutes to clinch the game and top spot in the NCC tournament.

SDSU hit 28-39 free throws to UNO's 11-16 and out-rebounded the Mavs 45-28. Nelson led UNO (21-7, 12-5) with 17 points, five steals and four assists. Wiebers and Tola Dada each scored 12 points while King had 11 points and three steals.

UNO will play its final regular season game Saturday against Northern Colorado with the game tipping off at 4 p.m. The NCC tournament will begin Tuesday, Feb. 26, and the Mavericks will host a 7 p.m. game at the Sapp Fieldhouse. UNO, along with the third- and fourth-place conference finishers, will host first round games and the winners of those games will play in the semifinals and finals in Brookings, S.D., at SDSU. **B**

Weekend dashes hopes for playoffs

Brian Brashaw

Women's Basketball

Being swept was the one thing the Maverick women's basketball team could not afford with their slim-to-none hopes of earning the seventh and final spot in the North Central Conference tournament. Slim left the building Friday night when the Mavs dropped 84-67 to Augustana and none came in for good Saturday night as UNO was dealt a weekend sweep in the form of an 77-67 loss to South Dakota State.

A slow start to Friday's game with Augustana doomed the Mavs from the beginning. UNO scored just 16 points in the first half and was behind 34-21 at the break. UNO continued to fall behind in the second half as four of Augustana's five starters hit double figures in scoring. Vikings leading scorer Tamera Oltmanns scored 24 points, Laura Hensley had 16, Brenna Rollie scored 13 and Charissa Sheppard added 11.

Sara Peterson led the Mavericks in scoring with 15 points. Jen Mitchell scored 10 and Rachel Volnek came off the bench to

score 10, as well.

Against SDSU, first-half struggles again left UNO playing catch-up. SDSU ended the first half with a 12-2 run to take a 45-31 lead. UNO never came closer than 10 in the second half. While they scored more than 21 first half points Friday, the 31 still put them 14 points back to start the second half.

Led by Mitchell's 23 points, the Mavericks made a comeback effort in the second half, but it wasn't enough. Tanya Hammes added 15 points for UNO.

SDSU also had four players score in double figures, including Melissa Pater and Shannon Schlagel, who each recorded a double-double. Pater had 20 points and 10 rebounds, while Schlagel had 14 points and 14 rebounds. The Jackrabbits got their revenge after UNO upset them earlier this year and claimed the conference title outright with the win.

UNO currently holds a 10-18 overall record with a 6-11 NCC mark. The Mavericks will close their season on Saturday with a game against Northern Colorado. Tip-off for the game is slated for 2 p.m. at the Sapp Fieldhouse. **B**

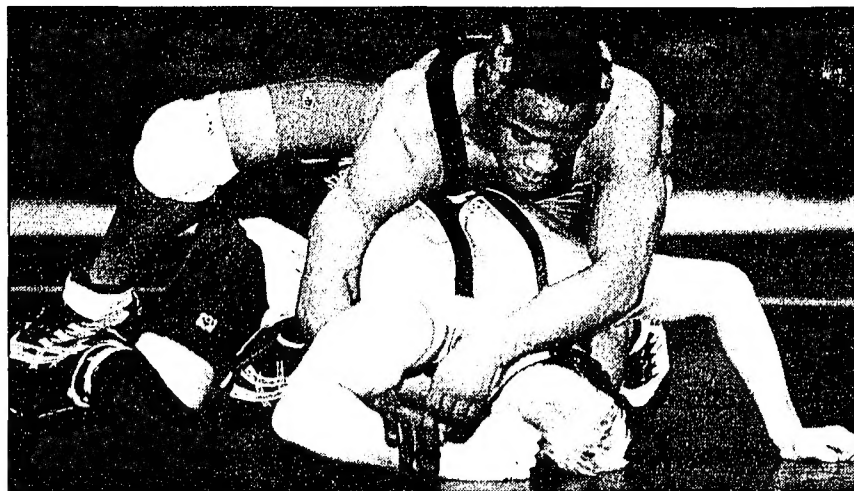


photo by Josh Williamson

Top-rated Roderick Ratcliff pins Southwest State (Minn.) Mustang Keefer Jensen's head against the mat. The Mavericks allowed only 6 points to their 41 over the weekend.

Maverick grapplers dominate Mustangs

Paul Freeland

Wrestling

UNO's wrestling team closed out its 2001-2002 regular season in style, rolling to a 41-6 dual victory over Southwest State (Minn.) and closing out the dual season with a record of 10-4.

Dan Vech (184 pounds) got the Mavericks started quickly, recording a pin at 2:15 to stake his team to a 6-0 lead. Chad Wallace, ranked No. 2 at 197 pounds, Lance Tolstedt (285 pounds) and Dan Hilario (125 pounds) each followed suit with wins to put the Mavericks up 18-0 before Southwest State could get on the scoreboard.

Northern Sun Conference 133-pound champion Josh Soupir scored the Mustangs' first points, pinning Eli Dominguez in the closing seconds of the first period of their match. Those six points, though, would be the last for

Southwest State as UNO reeled off five straight wins to quash any hope of a Mustang comeback.

Top-ranked Roderick Ratcliffe (141 pounds) scored a major decision over Keefer Jensen to put the Mavs back on the winning track and No. 6 Cody Ritter (149 pounds) followed with a technical fall to put the Mavericks up 27-6. Nick Blanchard, at 157 pounds, and Kurt Bohaboj, at 165 pounds, each picked up major decisions and when Southwest State failed to field a wrestler at 174 pounds, No. 4 Bob Edmonds won by default to set the final scoreline at 41-6.

UNO's next meet will be in Sioux Falls, S.D., on Sunday, Feb. 24. Augustana will host the North Central Conference championships, which will also serve as the regional meet for wrestlers to qualify for the Division II National championships in Kenosha, Wis. The NCC meet is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. **B**

Happenings around the beautiful game

Paul Freeland

Lower division clubs put up spirited fights against their Premier League opposition this past weekend, but class showed in the end as the fifth round of the English FA Cup saw few upsets.

First division club Gillingham matched Arsenal goal for goal for an hour, but late strikes from Tony Adams, Silvain Wiltord and Ray Parlour sealed the Gunners' 5-2 win. Elsewhere in London, Barry Hayes' goal put Fulham past Walsall 2-1, Tottenham cruised past Tranmere Rovers 4-0 and Chelsea recovered from an early stumble to beat Preston North End 3-1.

Juventus topped Fiorentina 2-1 to move atop the Italian Serie A as defending champions Roma were held to a 0-0 tie at struggling Brescia.

Christian Vieri's two goals helped Inter Milan move up to second as they won 3-0 at Verona, while Torino's Gianluca Comotto scored to end Parma's three-match winning streak. Nicola Legrottaglie's 84th-minute goal helped Chievo Verona score a 1-1 tie at Lazio and keep the newly promoted club's Champions League hopes alive.

Patrick Kluivert scored three minutes from time to give Barcelona a 3-2 win over fellow title contenders Deportivo la Coruña at the Nou Camp Stadium in Barcelona.

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seconds faster than second-place finishers Doane. The team's time was one of the Mavericks' national qualifying marks.

Melissa Meisinger continued her run of form in the triple jump, posting a national qualifying mark of 39 feet 3.25 inches. Meisinger's jump earned her second place, 2.5 inches behind Authea Chambers of UNL. Taira Baker finished sixth in the triple jump for UNO, jumping 36 feet 2.25 inches. Lindsey Hunter finished fifth in the high jump with a 5 foot 6.25 inch effort, which was a national qualifier, and Laurel Steuhm finished sixth with a mark of 5 feet 4.25 inches.

Lambert added to her win in the 1600 meter relay with a narrow second-place finish in the 60 meter dash. Lambert turned in a preliminary time of 7.57 seconds, which was a national qualifying mark. In the finals, Lambert ran a 7.68, which was a mere .04 seconds behind UNL's Shelley-Ann Brown. Michelle Ellingson also finished second for UNO, coming in runner-up in the mile run with a time of 5:08.92.

Amanda Mahan placed third for the Mavericks in the 600 yard run, running a time of 1:27.78 seconds, while Laura Gass finished fourth with a time of 1:28.57. Ramona Zephien was seventh in the same event with a 1:33.11.

UNO now has six athletes qualified for the national meet. Lambert will compete in the 60 meter dash and will join Merz, Mahan and Walker for the 1600 meter relay. Meisinger is qualified in the triple jump and long jump, while Hunter will compete in the high jump.

Minnesota State-Mankato will host the NCC championships meet, which will start at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22. The meet is scheduled to run through Saturday. **B**

National Recreational Sports & Fitness Day

UNO Poker Run/Walk

Date: Feb. 22 Time: 12:15pm - 1:00pm

Campus Recreation is sponsoring a Poker Run/Walk for all UNO students, faculty & staff. The chosen course for the Run/Walk will be on UNO campus and Elmwood Park. At specific sites throughout the course, each contestant will receive a playing card. At the end of the course, all poker hands will be shown and a winner will be revealed. Prizes will be given for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. (Time is not a factor considered in determining winners)



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- Sapp Field House west to:
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Congressman looks into spike in Air Force Academy waivers

John Diedrich

The Gazette (Colorado Springs, Colo.)

A member of Congress with clout on military matters is concerned about the Air Force Academy's practice of admitting cadets who fall below academic minimums and has asked if the same thing is happening at the other two military academies.

Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash., vice chairman of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, requested data last week from the Air Force, Navy and Army about their academies, a spokesman said. The subcommittee authorizes funding for the military.

Specifically, Nethercutt wants a report prepared by the Air Force Personnel Center that documents the spike in academy waivers and shows most go to recruited athletes.

The report, produced in summer 2000 and obtained by *The Gazette*, says cadets who come in below academy minimums don't do as well at the academy and in the Air Force as those who enter above minimums.

The increase in waivers continues. Last summer, 21 percent of incoming cadets — 277 — didn't meet academic minimums, the most in at least 15 years, according to academy documents also obtained by *The Gazette*. Sixty percent of waivers went to recruited athletes.

Nethercutt is concerned waivers could be eroding the quality of officers being produced by the Academy, the spokesman

said. It costs \$305,000 to educate, train and equip a cadet for four years.

"To think about the magnitude of that investment and that it could be wasted, particularly at a time when the U.S. is at war ... This has very real consequences in the long run," the spokesman said.

As of Friday, the Air Force had refused to release the Personnel Center study to Nethercutt's staff, the spokesman said. Air Force officials were not available for comment.

Questions about the waiver issue could be raised at scheduled Defense Appropriations Subcommittee hearings on the Air Force budget, Nethercutt's spokesman said.

Academy leaders defended the practice of allowing more cadets in under minimums. They said they have been able to maintain excellence even as waivers increase.

Leaders said they use a process called the "whole person" approach under which they consider admitting cadets below minimums if they excel in other ways, such as being a top athlete or speaking a second language. Athletics, in particular, indicate the potential to be a good military leader, they said.

Top Air Force leaders back the academy. Air Force Secretary James Roche and Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper issued a statement last week saying they were aware of the Personnel Center study's findings and "continue to have confidence in the admissions policy and support the decisions of the (academy) superintendent and his staff."

Like Nethercutt, Rep. Scott McInnis is concerned about waivers and wants to

Poet Mums of TV's Oz set to visit UNO

Naeemah Ford

Are you ready, because here he comes! Mums, the Schemer MC and Poet from the HBO series *Oz*, is coming to UNO on Wednesday, Feb. 20. He will be in the MBSC Nebraska Room performing slam poetry.

Mums plays the role of 'poet' in the HBO prison drama *Oz*. The poems he uses on the show are his own.

Mums performed on the New York Slam Team, which was the focus of the *Slamnation* documentary. Mums was also a part of the Lollapalooza tour in Europe and New York. Mums has also been seen in Nike

commercials, and has just finished a Martin Scorsese film. Rumor has it he will be in Spike Lee's next film.

Some of Mums' other works include Spike Lee's film *Bamboozled*, which focused on racism and minstrel shows. He has also appeared in Martin Scorsese's *Bringing Out the Dead*, with Nicholas Cage and Ving Rhames. His more recent works include the behind-the-scenes look at Russel Simmons' Def Poetry Jam, and appearing on the Def Poetry college tour.

If you want a taste of some poetic fusion, come and watch Mums' UNO performance. Oh, and don't forget to watch him on *Oz*. ☺

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Luis Enrique and Javier Saviola had the early goals for Barça, while Diego Tristán and Sergio scored for Deportivo. Fernando Morientes scored his seventh goal of the week for Real Madrid, but the defending Spanish champions still fell to Athletic Bilbao 2-1. Pablo Aimar scored in the 83rd minute to salvage a point for Valencia as they drew 1-1 at Villarreal.

Defending European and German champions Bayern Munich got back to their winning ways as they won 2-0 at SC Freiburg.

Bixente Lizarazu and Giovane Elber scored for FC Bayern. Relegation-threatened St. Pauli plucked a point from their clash with Bayer Leverkusen as Thomas Meggle converted a hotly-disputed penalty in the 90th minute to tie the score at 2-2. Kaiserslautern downed Nurnberg 2-1

with American Tony Sanneh scoring Nurnberg's lone goal and Michael Preetz's pair of goals helped Herta Berlin score a 3-0 victory at 1860 Munich.

Cautious play ruled the day as the final edition of the Asian Champions Cup started with a pair of 0-0 draws.

Kashima Antlers of Japan dominated their matchup with Chinese champions Dalian Shide, but Antlers failed to convert their dominance into goals. Suwon Bluewings and Anyang Cheetas, both of Korea, fought to a 0-0 tie in a clash of bitter domestic rivals.

While the eastern section quarterfinals get underway, Esteghlal of Iran and Nasaf Karsi of Uzbekistan each booked their ticket to the final four of the tournament in the western quarterfinals section. ☺

from Taxes, page 1

different rates.

"The average student probably doesn't itemize their taxes," McHale says.

This makes for cheaper and easier filing. McHale suggests *e-file. She says e-filing gets people their returns back faster, but is more expensive. Tela-file alone can run up to \$50. Something to remember about e-filing is people can not do it unless they have the pin number the government assigned them. If a student plans to have an accountant assist them and file their taxes, it could start as low as \$25.

No matter how a person decides to do their taxes this year, it is important to remain organized. People need to make sure and get a receipt for their tax deductions and major purchases. Without a receipt, it is very difficult to go back and reconstruct the purchases. McHale discourages cash

donations.

"With cash there is no paper trail to follow," she says.

Instead, she suggests donating with a check or charge card; this way, deductions will be documented. For organization, try a filing system for receipts so that come tax return time, there is not a wad of papers in a sack impossible to sort.

"The biggest nightmare is when they come in with a big grocery sack filled with receipts," McHale says.

This is very time-consuming for the accountant and the customer, so it is recommended to just try and organize throughout the year.

If someone is looking for a few tax breaks here and there, an accountant could be the right choice. ☺

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The loss set UNO back in a quest to overtake third place, which would have happened with a win.

"It's a heartbreaker," Hoggan said. "We had a lot of shots, and gave up few opportunities."

Now UNO will travel to third-place Alaska-Fairbanks, where they have never won. The series will most likely decide third place in the conference.

"Nothing breeds urgency like desperation, and now we're playing with desperation," Kemp said. "We need to respond that way." ☺

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Nebraska.

The special pathogens lab has conducted all the testing for any suspicious items that have been brought to UNMC for testing for bioterrorism, Sambol said.

After cases of anthrax were confirmed in Florida and New York in October, Sambol, a microbiologist, said his worked picked up. He examined suspicious powders, packages and envelopes.

"Our research not only pertains to agents of terrorism, but also other organism such as salmonella," Sambol said.

In the lab setting, Sambol thinks the Public Health Laboratory needs to establish are stronger connections of microbiology throughout the state.

"We are looking into a strengthened state," Sambol said. "One of the main goals is to improve communication throughout the state."

The complete University of Nebraska Task Force Report on Bioterrorism is available on the university's Web site, www.uneb.edu.

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see the Personnel Center report.

"I don't think any institution, but especially the academy, ought to pamper athletes," said McInnis, R-Colo. "It is unfair to every other student at the academy and people who wanted to go to the academy."

Other members of Congress are less concerned.

Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., whose district includes the academy, said he saw nothing wrong with waiving certain requirements if it means getting a cadet who is more qualified in another way.

"My impression is the superintendent is doing a very good job," said Hefley, a member of the academy Board of Visitors, which oversees academy operations.

Hefley, who spoke with the Air Force secretary about the issue, said he expected the waivers to come up at the next Board of Visitors meeting, which hasn't been scheduled. But Hefley said he is content with letting the academy and Air Force look at the issue and brief him later.

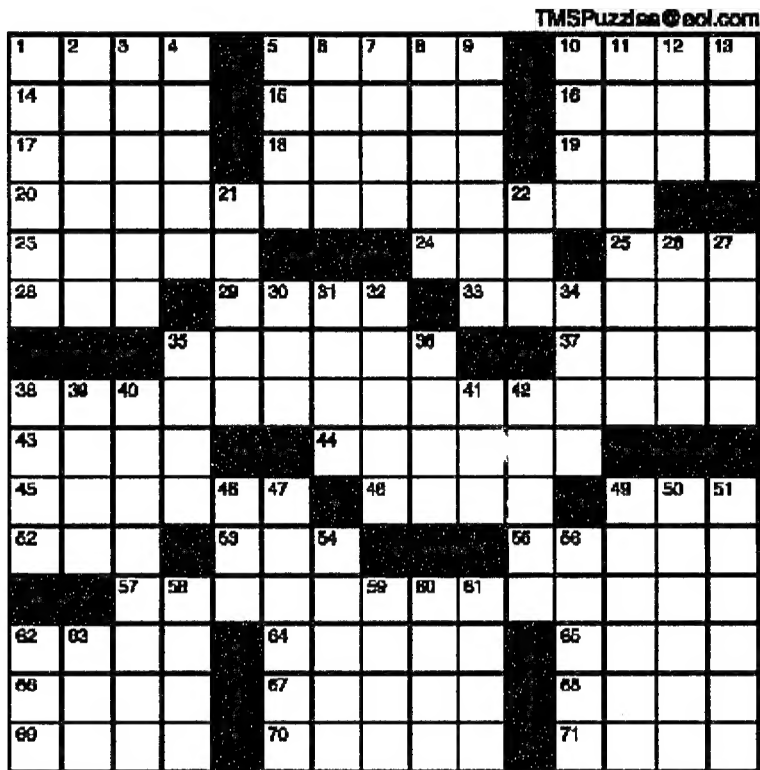
Rep. John McHugh, R-N.Y., chairman of the House Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee that oversees the academies, said he is reluctant for Congress to delve into issues like academy admissions because members don't have the expertise.

McHugh, who sits on the West Point Board of Visitors, said he has no reason to believe the academies are failing to produce top officers. He said it's up to the services to tell Congress if there's a problem.

Still, McHugh thinks the Personnel Center study merits review. "I can only assume the service and academy will take this data and give it an honest look."

The Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams



By Philip J. Anderson
Portland, OR

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Mimicked
 - 5 "...with a ___ on my knee"
 - 10 Self-images
 - 14 ___ contendere
 - 15 UFO pilot?
 - 16 Caterwaul
 - 17 Lena or Ken
 - 18 Canine tether
 - 19 Depend
 - 20 Intermingled signals
 - 23 Slicker in winter
 - 24 Helm dir.
 - 25 Sebaceous cyst
 - 28 Profit ending?
 - 29 One Chaplin
 - 33 Serve a sentence
 - 35 First-born
 - 37 Elevator man
 - 38 Intermingled ideas
 - 43 Saharan
 - 44 Earth pigment
 - 45 Backless sofas
 - 48 Marsh plant
 - 49 Ms. Dawber
 - 52 Language suffix
 - 53 Mil. training course
 - 55 Teheran native
 - 57 Intermingled omelets
 - 62 Chorus voice
 - 64 Be worthy of
- DOWN**
- 1 Personal instability
 - 2 Long arm of the law
 - 3 Donizetti opera, "The ___ of Love"
 - 4 Beneficiary
 - 5 ___ of Gilead
 - 6 Sailor's direction
 - 7 Long and Peebles
 - 8 Activist Jackson
 - 9 Available
 - 10 "Jane ___"
 - 11 Dates
 - 12 Hooter
 - 13 Lacking candor
 - 21 Whimsical
 - 22 Earth: pref.
 - 65 Enemies
 - 66 Barest sound
 - 67 "The Republic" writer
 - 68 Unemployed
 - 69 Substantial, informally
 - 70 "Skittle Players" painter
 - 71 Sov. news agcy.

Friday's Puzzle Solved

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7:30 am Catholic Campus Ministry
9 am Supervising the Troubled Employee
9:30 am Recruitment Services
11:30 am Traffic Appeals
11:30 am Student Organizations
12 noon Catholic Campus Ministry
12 noon SPO Board
12 noon University Honors Committee
12 noon Jos Raadschelders Luncheon
1 pm Goodrich Students
1 pm Academic Affairs
2 pm SAP Users
2:15 pm Edge Focus
4 pm Student Health Advisory Council
6 pm Alpha Xi Delta
8 pm Lambda Theta Nu

Wed., Feb. 20th

8 am Goodrich Students
8 am Campus Crusade
9 am International Student Tax Workshop
11:30 am UMs
12 noon HR Lunch Group
12 noon Public Admin. Meeting
12 noon AA Meeting
12 noon African American Organization
12 noon Assoc. Latin American Students
12 noon Chapter Summary Bible Study
12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
2 pm Student Organizations
4:30 pm Wrestling Meeting
5:30 pm Engineering Certification

Thurs., Feb. 21st

7 am Music Department

9 am "Consider This . . ."

11 am Quest
11:30 am UCAT Brown Bag
11:30 am Black History Month
12 noon Gay & Lesbian Organization
12 noon Student Social Work Organization
1:30 pm Academic Advisors
2 pm International Banquet
3 pm Academic Advisors Reception
3:30 pm The Edge Focus
3:30 pm Panhellenic
4 pm Service Learning
6 pm Order of Omega
6 pm College Republicans
7 pm Student Government
8 pm Campus Crusade

Fri., Feb. 22nd

7 am Jazz Festival

9 am New Values Orientation

12 noon EMP Peer Mentor Roundtable
12 noon Interfraternity Council
12:30 pm A.L.A.S.
1:30 pm Involved Learning Teaching Circle
2 pm Judicial Board
5:30 pm Campus Ministry International
6 pm Christ on Campus
7 pm Quest

Sat., Feb. 23rd

7 am Jazz Festival
2 pm Friends of Japan
6 pm Jazz Festival
6 pm Ecoutez Dinner
6 pm Child Evangelism Fellowship

Sun., Feb. 24th

2 pm Zeta Tau Alpha
2 pm Sigma Kappa
5 pm NPHC
5 pm Sigma Lambda Beta
5:30 pm Golden Key International Honor Society
5:30 pm National Panhellenic Council
6 pm Pi Kappa Alpha

Mon., Feb. 25th

9 am Veterans Supervisory Visit
11:30 am Black History Month
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8 pm Circle K



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